

REMARKS

Claims **18, 21-22, 24-30, 32, 34-40, 42** and **44-46** are pending in the application.

Claims **18, 21-22, 24-30, 32, 34-40, 42** and **44-46** have been allowed.

Claims **18, 21-22, 24-28, 30, 32, 34-38, 40, 42** and **44-46** have been amended.

Claims

Appropriate amendment has been made to the claims to address issues identified by Applicants. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added thereby.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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